

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 881
By Maddox

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Virginia Lee Avery on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those citizens who are celebrating special occasions in their estimable lives; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Lee Avery will celebrate her 100th birthday on March 24, 2004, a milestone that will be commemorated as yet another precious souvenir of life's rich pageant; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of John Henry and Anna Lucas Lee, Virginia is the youngest of six children, five girls and one boy; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Lee Avery is a highly respected member of the Gates community, where she has been a faithful member of Gates Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 1927, Virginia Lee Avery was joined in marriage with Paul C. Avery and the couple's blessed union produced three children, Thomas Lee Avery, Patricia Ann Avery Savage and Paul C. Avery, Jr., seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for 67 years Virginia Lee Avery enjoyed the love and companionship of her beloved husband, Paul C. Avery, who has now gone on to his great reward, and together they operated a farm. She later worked for a number of years in retail sales; and

WHEREAS, as Mrs. Avery approaches her eleventh decade, she is still an active and productive member of society, participating in various civic and community events, as her health permits; and

WHEREAS, we wish to grasp this golden opportunity to specially recognize one of Tennessee's most outstanding citizens on this very special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Virginia Lee Avery upon the celebration of her 100th birthday and extend to her our best wishes for many more happy and fulfilling years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.